

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3723
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80222

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Examiner: Lee D. Wilson

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A GLASS SUBSTRATE FOR A MAGNETIC DISK AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING A MAGNETIC DISK

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. No claims are amended.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the express limitations in the claims such that it is clear, as noted below, that the claims cannot be anticipated under U.S. law. Limitations in the claims are missing. Further, given the express focus of the invention as a whole, the claims cannot be obvious.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge these deficiencies in the rejection and allow the claims. However, if the Examiner concludes that the record on obviousness should be developed further, a new non-final Office Action should be issued.